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"SECRET PROCESSES"

Credulous Investors in Two Counties Trying to Explain the Electric Sugar Refining Swindle.

HOW THE MONEY WENT.

The Friend and Howard Families Prove to Have Been Living Like Kings in a Michigan County Town.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 5.—Persons interested in the Electric Sugar Refining company frauds at New York have been in consultation with attorneys here for several days past. The president of the company has been here and met Mrs. Friend, the Howards and Halsted, all of whom live at Milan, this state. Mrs. Friend's attorney says there was no intentional fraud, but that the company expected more than was promised. She says the company was to furnish the money to equip a refinery for refining sugar by Friend's "secret process." The company alleges the refining was to be done from sugar cane. This she cannot do. The contract her husband made was to refine the sugar at eighty cents a ton or sell out his stock and secret for \$250,000, after everything was running. The company had been running five years and put in over \$300,000, but no sugar has yet been refined for the market. Mrs. Friend says the company is trying to force from her another secret by which she makes a superior article of sugar from grapes, instead of getting the secret their contract calls for. This last secret she refuses to divulge for any amount. No arrests have been made and none are threatened by the company's agent, who returned to New York Wednesday. Mrs. Friend is the only one of the party interested in the transaction, the others being merely employees.

President Cottrell, of the Electric Sugar Refining company, was found at Islington this morning. He says the report that he is here to procure the arrest of Mrs. Friend is news to him. He cannot talk to the press now, but promises developments in a few days. He denounces the claim made by Mrs. Friend that the contract does not specify raw cane sugar, but only cane sugar, as an unmitigated falsehood. The process was far too expensive to place on the market. There is no question, he says, but that the product is finer than that produced by any known process, and would sell better than any ordinary refined sugar, if it could be made from raw sugar. The deception consists in the manipulation of refined sugar, instead of refining sugar by a new process. On behalf of Mrs. Friend the claim is made that Prof. Friend invented two distinct processes, one for making a superior article of sugar from refined sugar, the other for making it from grapes, and that the latter is worth millions. President Cottrell pronounces this a humbug, but says if there is anything in the grape process the company is entitled to it.

There is no criminal aspect in the case, so far as it has developed here. President Cottrell has been making strenuous efforts to settle with the Friends, who will not give up unless they get big booty. They still insist their process is exactly what the contract calls for. A Journal reporter has the contract, and it makes no mention of manufacturing sugar from raw material. The men who pose as dupes confess this. The whole thing has been precipitated by the English stockholders. Cottrell and others who got the Englishmen to subscribe now want to get control. Mrs. Friend and Howard own a majority of the stock and the alleged secret. The only way the "dupes" can determine whether or not they have been duped is to get control. Mrs. Friend is too sharp to be frightened into giving up any secrets.

THE MOTHER'S STORY.

MILAN, Mich., Jan. 5.—Friend's elegant home, half a mile east of here, was deserted this morning. At the house of W. E. Howard Mrs. Howard was found just setting out to join her husband and daughter (Mrs. Friend) at Ann Arbor. She is a shrewd, elderly lady, with a determined look, and she says that she knows further than to say if the New Yorkers have broken open the Electric Sugar Refinery they have "lost all their rights, and that that it would have been well if the process had been lost when Friend died last March. Also that he is sure Howard and Mrs. Friend are able to take care of themselves. Since the opening of the sugar business the Howards and Friends have cut a swell here, building elegant houses and living as gentlemanly farmers with princely incomes from some source not generally understood, though not without a taint of suspicion. They bought the best, lived high, drove elegant equipages and traveled much between here and New York. The village is greatly excited, but not a whit surprised.

TO "SQUEEZE" HOWARD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The leading topic among brokers and business men downtown is the great expose of the late Prof. Friend's Electric Sugar Refining company. Secretary Robinson, of the defunct concern, was nearly paralyzed by a well-known Wall street man asking him for ten shares and offering him \$10 each for them. Robinson told the man the shares were worthless; the man insisted and the sale was effected. The purchase was for the purpose, it is said, of "squeezing" Howard, when latter is the "man" who swore before a notary public he had seen the "professor" refine raw sugar by electricity. It is now hinted Friend is not dead at all. There has not been anyone found so far who has seen his corpse. His death is said to have occurred two days before the blizzard last March.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—In connection with the expose of the Electric Sugar Refining fraud in New York, a local paper says: "Prof. Friend was here about five years ago and endeavored to induce local sugar men to establish a factory. He insisted, however, on keeping the secret process to himself and none of the merchants would agree. So the scheme fell through and he went east."

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5.—Shares of the Electric Sugar Refining company have fallen to thirty shillings. Warrants have been issued for the apprehension of Mrs. Friend and her stepfather, W. E. Howard, a director of the company, and who had charge of affairs at the factory in Brooklyn.

THE SIOUX LANDS.

Report of the House Committee Recommending the Division of the Reservation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The committee on Indian affairs in the report accompanying the bill providing for the division of the Sioux reservation says: "The Sioux Indians are completely under the control of a few arrogant and self-conceited chiefs, and these chiefs are largely under the control of the Northern Pacific and the Northwestern railway companies and avaricious white or squaw men who, with a few chiefs, are reaping large fortunes from the common property of their own people. The Northern Pacific railway, as we are advised, owns large amounts of real estate in Dakota that they desire to sell at profitable figures, and if this bill should become a law, and thereby open up 11,000,000 acres to settlers at nominal figures compared with the prices they ask for their lands, the market for their lands will be closed for many years to come, so they, with their mighty power, oppose the bill. The Northwestern railway company, running to Pierre, on the Missouri river, is interested, so we are advised, in another road that runs around this great reservation to the Black Hills and does the carrying trade for this vast section. To open up this reservation would not only compel the Northwestern railway to complete its own line through to the Black Hills, a thing they do not want to do, but it forces the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and other competing lines through. Therefore they oppose the measure. The committee recommends that the bill pass and asks congress to give these Indians all the land they can use and teach them governments are not created to support them, but to protect them, and like other people they must work."

THE NEWCASTLE RIOT.

But One Man Killed in the Coal Miners' Difficulty Near Seattle.

SEATTLE, W. T. Jan. 5.—The trouble which has been brewing in the Newcastle mines for some time culminated yesterday in a riot in which one man, Wm. Ruston, was killed. The difficulty arose over the employment of a man named Boyle, who the Knights of Labor claimed had no right to the place. Wednesday morning they refused to go to work and posted notices saying there would be no more work in the Newcastle mine. Members of the Miners Union, however, who greatly outnumbered the knights, continued at work and Thursday night a large force of knights came over from Gilman and McAlester for the purpose of clearing out the camp. They marched through Newcastle, went up to the mine, assaulted and terribly beat a number of miners, then they returned to Newcastle. At the depot they attacked J. L. Hughes, president of the union, and Ralph Leowley. Young Leowley rushed out from his home with a gun and ran into the crowd. He was knocked down and Ruston was trying to shoot him after he got up, when some one fired a shot and Ruston was struck in the abdomen. A general fusillade followed but the crowd scattered and no one was hurt. Ruston was carried to a house and expired in fifteen minutes. The rioters dispersed immediately after the shooting.

A County Seat War.

ELWOOD, Neb., Jan. 5.—The sheriff and a posse of seventy-five men made a descent on Homerville yesterday during the absence of the county officials at McCook, disarmed the citizens who were guarding the court house with Winchester, and brought back a portion of the county records to Elwood. Nov. 30 a long and bitter fight for the county seat of Jasper county culminated in an election, in which the necessary two-thirds vote for its removal from Homerville to Elwood was secured. Homerville, however, refused to give up the records. The latest development divides the records between the two towns and broadens the chasm between their respective citizens, with excellent prospects of further hostilities in the near future.

The Burlington's Showing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway company today issued a statement of earnings and expenses for the month of November and for the eleven months ending Nov. 31. The gross earnings for November were \$2,290,888, against \$12,846,833 the corresponding month in 1887. The expenses for November were \$1,453,826 against \$1,198,915 for the same time the previous year. For the eleven months the gross earnings and expenses were respectively \$21,621,493 and \$16,259,124, and for the corresponding period the year before \$23,212,690 and \$18,985,936.

Big Suit against the Northern Pacific.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 5.—There is on trial in the United States district court here a very important case, involving about \$6,000,000. It is an action against the Northern Pacific railway, brought by the government, charging that ever since the road has been built it has been trespassing upon government lands along its line, denuding the government timber land and causing great loss and damage to the government. The encroachments are alleged to extend to lands and timber in various parts of Idaho, Washington Territory, Montana and Minnesota.

Returned With a Fortune.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—A man named Claret went to California eighteen years ago to seek his fortune. After some time news reached his wife that he was dead, and she married again. Her second husband was killed by an accident and she married a third husband. A short time since her first husband appeared with \$30,000 and wished to live with his wife, but she declines. The case is likely to come before the courts.

Evictions Still Continue.

DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—Further evictions were made today on O'Connell's estates at Carragh, county of Donegal. At one house only was any resistance made, but after a fight, which lasted fifteen minutes, the defenders yielded. The last house visited by the evictors was found to be so strongly fortified that the magistrate decided not to attempt its capture today. The attack was therefore postponed until Monday.

ALL WELL PLEASED.

Chief Arthur and the Burlington Officials Satisfied With the Recent Agreement.

CHICAGO, January 5.—Chief Engineer Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, arrived this morning from Cleveland. He was closeted with the members of the conference committee and the terms of the settlement were formally submitted to him. The terms of the truce have not yet been made public. It is considered probable, however, that the chief points agreed upon are that the "Q" shall take the Brotherhood men back as fast as vacancies occur in the ranks, and that the black list shall be done away with.

It transpires that Mr. Arthur is going to California as he says "on private business connected with the Brotherhood." He denied that his trip has any connection with the threatened strike on the Southern Pacific railway. Arthur expressed himself as exceedingly well pleased with the "Q" settlement terms and said they were such that they would meet with the approval of Brotherhood men. He declined to make the terms known, but said it was far from an unconditional surrender on the part of the Brotherhood; that several items of importance to the Brotherhood had been conceded by the Burlington officials.

A local paper says a man standing high in railway circles told a reporter this afternoon that the engineers had abandoned their claim for the abolishment of the trip system and the inauguration of the mileage plan used by other roads. They had also withdrawn the demand for the arbitration of the classification or graded pay rule. On the other hand the company had consented to employ Brotherhood men in preference to others, as vacancies occurred, and would reinstate the old employees whenever it could. The blacklist is also done away with. It is also reported that the company will result in the dismissal of the prosecution of alleged dynamiters, but this is uncertain.

HIS QUIET DAY.

But Few Visitors at the Residence of the President Elect Yesterday.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—Gen. Harrison did not have many distinguished callers today, and there was a noticeable decrease in the number of visitors. Judge Harrison Allen, of Fargo, Dak., who arrived yesterday and had a talk with Gen. Harrison, was joined today by Judge Granville Moody, of Deadwood, Dak. Both gentlemen talk freely about what the people of Dakota want and expect from the new administration. Their views, however, do not differ materially from those heretofore chronicled from Governor-Elect Melotte and others. Both Moody and Allen favor the division of Dakota; in fact, there has not been a single visitor from that section who has not favored and urged division. About the only views they express that are new to the public is their violent opposition to Congressman Springer's suggestions to changing the name of South Dakota to Winona or some equally euphonious and appropriate Indian name. This they object to. They want the old names, North and South Dakota.

Among the other visitors who called today were Clem Studebaker, of South Bend, Ind., and his brother, P. E. Studebaker, of Chicago. They called to pay their respects to the general, who is their old friend, and incidentally it is learned they have received an order from him to supply him with carriages and other vehicles necessary for use while at the White House. These will be the first vehicles used at the White House manufactured west of the Alleghany mountains.

The West-Dunlap Trouble.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The cases of James J. West and Joseph Dunlap, respectively publisher and city editor of the Times, who were arrested last night at the instance of Inspector Bonfield and Capt. Schaack on the charge of criminal libel, came up before Justice White. Upon request the cases were postponed until Jan. 12.

Managing Editor Jensj Christensen, of the Arbeiter Zeitung, was arrested to-night on two warrants charging him with criminal libel. The complainants are Inspector Bonfield and Captain Schaack. Christensen published the "Times" charges and elaborated on them in bitter editorials. Christensen was quickly released on bail. Warrants were issued also for City Editor Deus, but he could not be found.

Sullivan Will Sign.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—This morning Arthur T. Lumsley received a telegram from John L. Sullivan, in which he stated he would leave to-night for Toronto, to meet Kilrain, to sign the papers for the proposed fight for the world's championship.

BUFFALO, Jan. 5.—Jake Kilrain issued the following to-day: "In reply to Sullivan I wish to state that the American public will not be humbugged. Sullivan must come to the scratch at the time appointed and arrange for a fight for \$20,000 and the Police Gazette diamond belt, which represents the championship of the world. Myself or representatives will be at the place appointed—Toronto. I mean, as heretofore, business. It is too late for Sullivan's excuses about a 'license.'"

Cowboys Against Sheep Herders.

TUCSON, Jan. 5.—Advises from Solomonville, Arizona, say that James Lassiter, foreman of the Chiricahua Cattle company's camp on the Bonita river, a tributary of the Gila, has arrived and brings news of trouble between the company's men and some Mexican sheepmen from Apache county, which resulted in the killing of at least three Mexicans. On Thursday the Mexicans were grazing a flock of sheep near the company's range, which brought on the trouble. The Mexicans Thursday ambushed some of the company's men, but none of the latter were killed, while it is probable all the sheepmen met their deaths.

Mataafa Victorious.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan. 5.—Advises from Samoa say the German man-of-war Olga lost twenty men killed and thirty wounded out of a party of 120 men that went to assist Tamasse against Mataafa. The Germans were compelled to retreat to their boats. The commanders of the British and American men-of-war received an intimation of the Germans' intentions but they remained inactive.

OBJECT TO A CHANGE

The Sugar Producers of the Country Opposed to Any Reduction of the Present Duty.

THE BOUNTY QUESTION.

Republican Senators Determined on Offering a Bonus, While the Democrats and the Growers Alike Object to the Idea.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The sub-committee of the senate finance committee today gave a hearing to a delegation interested in the sugar industry in Louisiana. Dymond, who was the speaker, explained that the delegation came to ask that the sugar schedule, as proposed by the senate tariff bill, be modified, on the ground that 50 per cent. reduction in the duty on sugar would ruin the sugar industry, not only in the tropical cane of Louisiana, but also the beet sugar industry of California and the sorghum industry of Kansas.

Parkinson and Representative Peters spoke in behalf of the sorghum sugar producers in Kansas, asserting that if the sugar tariff was undisturbed the business would be greatly developed in the immediate future. They objected to a bounty because it was likely to be of only temporary duration. Henry Minor and Henry McCall, of Louisiana, on behalf of the sugar planters of that state, also spoke against the bounty system and pleaded to be left under the present conditions.

Claus Spreckels arrived at Washington today. California congressmen say his coming has nothing to do with the question of the sugar schedule in the senate tariff bill. They say he wants to talk with the commissioner of agriculture about beet raising and beet sugar in this country.

The finance committee are somewhat annoyed to learn that a big delegation of California people, engaged in sugar raising, is on the way east to see that the proposed bounty legislation be enacted. The committee have heard all the testimony they care for on the sugar question. The democratic senators are very bitter in their opposition to the proposed bounty and insist that it is radically unconstitutional. The republicans of the finance committee are practically determined upon this point, however, and they intend the duty shall be made to pay the bounty. The bounty which they will propose is not to continue for any definite number of years, but to be announced by executive proclamation until such time as the amount of sugar produced in America shall equal half of the amount imported, when it will cease, and the duty be increased to a point that will make it practically prohibitive.

IN FULL OPERATION.

The Entire Plant of the Anaconda Company Being Utilized—Butte's Silver Shipments.

BUTTE, Jan. 5.—[Special to the Independent.]—The entire plant at the Smelter City is now in operation. The Montana Union railway is running from 2,500 to 2,800 tons of ore daily to the works, as well as plenty of fuel, and unless some unforeseen calamity occurs the great plant will continue in uninterrupted operation for a long time to come.

During the year just closed Butte produced in the aggregate \$7,000,000. During the week just ended five quartz mills, the Alice, Bluebird, Butte, Boston and Moulton and Lexington have shipped silver bars by express, aggregating \$234,336, the biggest shipment for a single week in the history of the camp.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The members of the Serbian ministry have tendered their resignations to King Milan.

A dispatch from Cochin, British India, reports the Aspinwall coconut oil factory has been burned. Loss \$100,000.

The czar yesterday granted an audience to Judge Lambert Tree, United States minister, who presented his credentials.

The king of the Netherlands is in a morbid condition and his chronic malady is worse. He takes nourishment with difficulty.

A passenger train was blown from the rails near Fiumi, Hungary, yesterday during a violent storm. Three passengers were killed and many injured.

The greater part of the village of Bronz, Switzerland, has been destroyed by fire, and many cattle burned to death. The fire was ignited by a madman.

The negotiations between the English and Chinese governments have resulted in an agreement by which the Indian government will have control of the province of Sikkim. This will greatly facilitate trade between India and Tibet.

The marriage of Hon Edward Stanley, son of the governor general of Canada, to Lady Alice Montague, daughter of the Duke of Manchester, was solemnized in the guard's chapel, London, yesterday, with great pomp.

Emin Bey a Captive.

SEAKIM, Jan. 5.—One of Osman Digna's lieutenants has deserted his leader and arrived here. The deserter reports that the rebels are enraged with Osman Digna for seducing their effects and their wives, and giving as his reason for such course that the rebels chewed tobacco, which is contrary to the precepts laid down by the mahdi. He also reports the 2,000 dervishes at Haudaba are squabbling with Osman Digna concerning the evacuation of the place, the majority of the dervishes being desirous of retreating from the town. The deserter declares that Emin Bey has been captured and that he is a prisoner at Khartoum, where he is well treated by his captors.

Beats the Record.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 5.—So warm and pleasant is the weather on the St. Lawrence river that the owners of a steamer gave an excursion from Kingston to Cape Vincent to-day. The weather is unprecedented for this time of the year.